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**DR. ROBERT M. KEENAN SENTENCED FOR
CONSPIRACY AND ATTEMPT TO MANUFACTURE ECSTASY**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today United States District Court Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Dr. Robert M. Keenan, age 46, of Baltimore, Maryland to 84 months followed by three years of supervised release and 1800 hours of community service in connection with his conviction on April 25, 2005 by a federal jury for conspiracy to manufacture Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA or Ecstasy), and attempt to manufacture Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA).

According to testimony at trial, on January 23, 2004 several search warrants were executed in Baltimore City and County, including Keenan's Fells Point condominium and Elite Weight Management Center operated by Keenan in Towson, Maryland. The searches revealed evidence related to the manufacturing of Ecstasy including, but not limited to, documents related to the manufacturing of Ecstasy with Keenan's fingerprints; precursors materials and chemicals for the manufacturing of Ecstasy; and a ledger indicating Keenan and co-defendant Galvez's intent to make over 200,000 pills and generate over \$1 million in sales.

Co-defendant Gerard G. Galvez, age 37, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture MDMA on April 15, 2005 and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 28, 2005.

This case is the result of a joint investigation by the Baltimore Police Department, the United States Food and Drug Administration - Office of Criminal Investigations, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and the United States Attorney's Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys George L. Russell, III and Philip S. Jackson.

